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October 8, 1982

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REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Tom Robison, General Manager Western Clay Company P. O. Box 1064 Aurora, Utah 84620

RE: Mining and Reclamation Plan

Western Clay Company

Limestone Mine ACT/041/004 Bentonite Pit ACT/041/011

Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Robison:

As you will recall, the Division forwarded copies of Form MR-1 to you on July 7, 1982 for both of the above-referenced active operations. This was done shortly after a visit to your operations by Mr. John Blake of the Division of State Lands & Forestry.

On July 20, 1982, the Division provided you with an example Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) and on August 2nd, Thomas L. Portle of our office met with you on-site to view the operations and to answer any of your questions. These efforts were put forth in an effort to assist you in preparing your permit application and expedite the review process.

As of today's date, the Division has still not received the required applications for Western Clay's mining operations. It is our opinion that there has been more than adequate time to assemble and submit the requested information by the end of the September time frame indicated by you during a telephone conversation with Mr. Portle. If there are some extenuating circumstances which are delaying your submission to bring your present

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operations into compliance with the requirements of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, please let me know and we'll try to help you in any way that we can. Your continued activity at these operations is in violation of Section 40-8-13 of the Act and Rule M-3 of the Regulations which require that an operator file a Notice of Intention and Mining and Reclamation Plan for each operation subject to Division review and approval prior to commencement of mining activity.

In order to avoid possible administrative action by the Division and Board of Oil, Gas and Mining pursuant to Sections 40-8-8 and 40-8-9 of the Act, please submit the required permit application within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or regarding your submission, please don't hesitate to call me or Tom Portle. We will be more than happy to answer questions or provide any assistance that we can. Your earliest response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR. COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

JWS/TLP:btb

cc: Thomas L. Portle, DOGM

John Blake, Division of State Lands & Forestry